

THEDWASTRE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year

1951.



ROBERT H. CLAYTON, M.B., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H.



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health for the Rural District  
of Thedwastre in the County of West Suffolk for the  
year ending 31st December, 1951.

Public Health Offices,  
8, Whiting Street,  
Bury St. Edmunds.

September 1952.

To:-

The Chairman and Members of the  
Rural District Council of Thedwastre.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Herewith I beg to submit for your favourable consideration  
my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health, being that for the  
year ended 31st December, 1951.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

ROBERT H. CLAYTON.

Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Officers of the Authority.

(a) Medical - One part-time Medical Officer of Health

Robert H. Clayton, M.B., B.S., B.Hy.,  
D.P.H. (Durham), Cert. Mental Deficiency  
and Allied Subjects (London), appointed  
1st July, 1938.

This Officer does not engage in private practice but holds in  
addition the following appointments:-

Medical Officer of Health, Newmarket U.D.C. )	
Mildenhall R.D.C. )	Appointed 1st July, 1936.
Thingoe R.D.C. )	
Cosford R.D.C. )	Appointed February 1937.

(b) Others - One Sanitary Inspector,

Oswald J. Wyatt, M.S.I.A., A.R.San.I.,  
Meat Cert.R.S.I., appointed June 2nd, 1930,  
also Building Surveyor.

One Additional Sanitary Inspector

F. M. Flack., M.S.I.A., Meat Cert.R.S.I.  
Appointed April 2nd, 1951.





SECTION A.  
STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

1. <u>GENERAL STATISTICS.</u>	Area	..	..	..	34,126 acres.
Registrar General's estimate of the resident population		(1949)	(1950)	1951.	
		(8,618)	(8,654)	8,719	
Number of inhabited houses at end of year according to Rate Book	..	..	(2,778)	(2,768)	2,789
Rateable Value	..	..	(£27,922)	(£28,793)	£29,120
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.			(£119)	(£119)	£120

2. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Total.</u>			<u>Male.</u>			<u>Female.</u>		
	(1949)	(1950)	1951.	(1949)	(1950)	1951.	(1949)	(1950)	1951
Legitimate	(136)	(137)	146	(68)	(76)	76	(68)	(61)	70
Illegitimate	(9)	(15)	7	(7)	(11)	4	(2)	(4)	3
<u>Stillbirths.</u>									
Legitimate	(7)	(2)	4	(4)	(1)	1	(3)	(1)	3
Illegitimate	(1)	(Nil)	1	(1)	(Nil)	Nil	(Nil)	(Nil)	1
<u>Deaths.</u>	(118)	(114)	125	(68)	(57)	67	(50)	(57)	58
<u>Deaths under 1 year.</u>	(3)	(5)	4	(1)	(2)	3	(2)	(3)	1

	<u>The dwastre.</u>			<u>England &amp; Wales.</u>		
<u>Birth Rate.</u> (Live Births per 1000 population)	(1949)	(1950)	1951.	(1949)	(1950)	1951.
	(16.8)	(17.6)	17.5	(16.7)	(15.8)	15.5
Comparability Factor						
The dwastre	(1.16)	1.15				
The Corrected Birth Rate	(20.4)	20.2				
<u>Stillbirth Rate</u> per 1000 population.	(0.93)	(0.23)	0.58	(0.39)	(0.37)	0.36
<u>Stillbirth Rate</u> per 1000 (Live & Still) births.	(52.3)	(13.0)	31.6	(-)	(-)	-
<u>Death Rate</u> per 1000 population.	(13.7)	(12.9)	14.3	(11.7)	(11.6)	12.5
Comparability Factor	(0.78)	(0.78)	0.77			
Corrected Death Rate	(10.7)	(10.3)	11.0			
<u>Death Rate of Infants under 1 year.</u>						
All Infants per 1000 live births.	(20.7)	(32.9)	26.1	(32)	(29.8)	29.6
Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate births.	(22.1)	(36.5)	27.2	(-)	(-)	-
Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate births.	(Nil)	(Nil)	Nil	(-)	(-)	-

4 deaths of infants under 1 year occurred, (3 Males and 1 Female, all Legitimate), including 3 under 4 weeks of age, as under:-

Female, 5 days, Myocardial failure. Prematurity. Twin pregnancy.  
Male, 6 days, " " " "  
Male, 3 weeks, Purulent Meningitis.  
Male, 11 months, Collapse of left upper lobe of lung.

The only other death in the nonage was that of a one-year old boy (Broncho-Pneumonia).

As will be noted from the table on the following page, there were six further deaths before age 45 years (2 Tuberculosis, 1 Coronary disease, 1 Pneumonia, 1 Congenital defect and 1 fall from tractor).

61 deaths (49%) were at age 75 or over.





The following table gives the causes and the number of deaths occurring at the various age groups. The totals correspond with the Registrar General's figures.

As in last year's report the deaths have been classified to conform with implementation of the World Health Organisation Nomenclature Regulations, 1948 - these regulations being set out on pages 371-376 of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1948.

CAUSES OF DEATH.		Deaths at the sub-joined ages of "RESIDENTS" whether occurring in or beyond the District.											
M = Male. F = Female.		Under 1 year.	1 to 4 years.	5 to 14 years.	15 to 24 years.	25 to 44 years.	45 to 64 years.	65 to 74 years.	75 years & over.	TOTAL Registrar General's figures.			
		M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.		
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory.	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	3	1	
3.	Syphilitic Disease.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	
14.	Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	2	
16.	Diabetes.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	2	7	
18.	Coronary disease, angina.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	-	2	
19.	Hypertension with heart disease.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	3	
20.	Other heart disease.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	6	24	
21.	Other circulatory disease.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	
22.	Influenza.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	2	
23.	Pneumonia.	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	3	1	4	
24.	Bronchitis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	
26.	Ulcer of Stomach & duodenum.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	
27.	Gastritis,enteritis & diarrhoeas.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
31.	Congenital malformations.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	
32.	Other defined & ill- defined diseases.	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	2	
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
34.	All other accidents.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Total:		Males.		Females.		Males.		Females.		Males.		Females.	
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	Rateable Value.	Penny Rate Product.	No. of inhabited houses.	Registrar-General's Estimate population.	Total Deaths.	Deaths under One year.	Births.		Stillbirths.	
							Legitimate.	Illegitimate.	Legitimate.	Illegitimate.
1936.	£22,590	£98	2,384	7,714	103	7	Nil	5	3	Nil
1937.	£23,296	£98	2,418	7,688	102	2	Nil	5	6	Nil
1938.	£23,783	£99	2,447	7,691	79	3	Nil	2	6	Nil
1939.	£24,751	£103	2,409	7,724	101	7	Nil	6	4	1
1940.	£25,141	£103	2,551	8,851	132	3	Nil	4	7	Nil
1941.	£25,019	£105	2,543	9,525	113	8	Nil	6	6	Nil
1942.	£25,003	£104	2,544	9,052	119	4	1	6	7	Nil
1943.	£26,781	£111	2,539	8,713	130	4	1	11	2	Nil
1944.	£26,723	£111	2,545	8,342	105	4	2	21	3	Nil
1945.	£26,777	£111	2,548	8,150	125	8	3	26	3	1
TOTALS FOR DECADE.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1,109	50	7	92	47	2
ANNUAL AVERAGE DURING DECADE.	£24,986	£104	2,493	8,345	111	5	0.7	9	4.7	0.2
1946.	£27,066	£112	2,552	8,180	97	2	1	23	5	1
1947.	£27,416	£114	2,608	8,199	125	8	3	19	4	Nil
1948.	£27,160	£113	2,738	8,524	102	3	Nil	11	2	Nil
1949.	£27,922	£119	2,778	8,618	118	3	Nil	9	7	1
1950.	£28,793	£119	2,768	8,654	114	5	Nil	15	2	Nil
1951.	£29,120	£120	2,789	8,719	125	4	Nil	7	4	1



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The Birth Rate, Death Rate, and the Registrar's estimate of the resident population of Thedwastre for the years 1919 to 1951 are set out below:-

<u>THEDWASTRE R.D.</u>			
<u>Year.</u>	<u>Population.</u>	<u>Birth Rate.</u>	<u>Crude Death Rate.</u>
1919	8,528	20.5	13.9
1920	8,513	23.5	10.7
1921	8,420	22.2	10.4
1922	8,493	21.8	12.6
1923	8,480	18.8	14.6
1924	8,463	16.0	11.5
1925	8,460	17.0	12.3
1926	8,197	15.1	12.1
1927	8,301	14.8	14.3
1928	8,372	12.3	13.6
1929	8,398	16.0	11.7
1930	8,040	12.9	11.3
1931	8,031	13.7	15.8
1932	8,000	13.9	13.6
1933	7,858	13.0	16.8
1934	7,820	12.7	11.8
1935	7,749	13.7	11.4
1936	7,714	13.9	13.5
1937	7,688	14.4	13.2
1938	7,691	14.8	10.3
1939	7,724	14.1	12.5
1940	8,851	12.3	14.9
1941	9,525	13.0	11.9
1942.	9,052	16.8	13.1
1943	8,713	16.5	14.9
1944	8,342	21.1	12.6
1945	8,150	19.4	15.3
1946	8,180	18.1	11.9
1947	8,199	18.3	15.2
1948	8,524	18.9	12.0
1949	8,618	16.8	13.7
1950	8,654	17.6	12.9
1951	8,719	17.5	14.3





SECTION B.  
GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

(a) LABORATORY FACILITIES. The Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge, under the directorship of Dr. R. M. Fry, provides an excellent bacteriological service and most readily discusses and advises on any epidemiological or similar problem.

Dr. S. Greenburgh, Public Analyst, Tennison Road, Cambridge, gives a similar efficient and helpful service when chemical analyses are required.

(b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES. The West Suffolk County Council through the agency of the Suffolk Branch of the British Red Cross Society provide the Ambulance Service for the District, mainly by ambulances stationed in Bury St. Edmunds.

(c) NURSING IN THE HOME. The West Suffolk County Council District Nurse-Midwives carry out these duties.

(d) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES. These are not the responsibility of the Rural District Council.

(e) HOSPITALS. The hospitals used by Thedwastre residents are indicated by the following information with regard to live births and deaths.

Of the 153 Live Births, 67 (44%) took place at the resident's home in Thedwastre - the remaining 86 were almost all hospital births and the great majority occurred at St. Mary's Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds, or the West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds.

74 of the 125 deaths of Thedwastre Residents in 1951 occurred at their own homes in Thedwastre. Of the remaining 51 there were 48 deaths in hospital as under:-

- 19 West Suffolk General Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds.
- 18 St. Mary's Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds.
- 6 Walnuttree Hospital, Sudbury.
- 2 St. Audry's Hospital, Melton.
- 1 East Suffolk & Ipswich Hospital, Ipswich.
- 1 Cottage Hospital, Thetford.
- 1 Newmarket General Hospital, Newmarket.

SECTION C.  
SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) WATER. The Annual Report for 1950 stated that much of the ground work necessary to have the benefits of the Proposed Comprehensive Water Scheme had been accomplished - it is gratifying to report that during 1951 obvious evidence of this became apparent, in that, by the end of the year, mains water was being used in 59 houses in 5 of our parishes as follows:-

- 10 houses at Elmswell
- 1 house at Hunston
- 4 houses at Gedding
- 14 houses at Rattlesden
- 30 houses at Woolpit

serving an estimated number of 190 persons.

A fitter and two mates were engaged early in August by the Council for main tapping, and by the end of the year 93 tappings had been made. Chemical analysis of this mains water showed pH 7.1, Chlorine 3.6, Oxygen .0329, Nitrate Nil, Nitrite Nil, Hardness 26.92 (parts per 100,000).

The monthly bacteriological samples were also all satisfactory.

The comparative absence of drought throughout the year reduced the need for water carting to parts of the two parishes of Elmswell and Thurston.





In addition to the samples taken from the public piped supply, 26 bacteriological samples were taken from wells and bores. One bore sample was doubtful and three satisfactory, and sixteen well samples were unsatisfactory and six satisfactory. In some of these cases the users were persuaded to transfer to the main water supply and in other cases warning notices to boil the water before drinking were issued.

It is anticipated that Stage I of the Comprehensive Water Scheme which we share with Thingoe R.D.C., will be completed in 1952. By the end of 1951 a total of 36.1674 miles of 6" to 15" trunk mains had been completed linking the boreholes at Rushbrooke and Ixworth with the towers at Bradfield St. Clare, Button Haugh and Stowlangtoft. There remained only 4 miles of this primary 12" main to be laid to connect Depden Reservoir to Risby borehole, and work on this section was making good progress at the end of the year.

TABLE A. - TRUNK MAINS.  
(Laid since commencement of Contract)  
i.e. Post-War.

		<u>Miles.</u>
Ixworth to Stowlangtoft.	15" diam.	1.7625
Rushbrooke to Bradfield St. Clare.	12" diam.	16.2818
Stowlangtoft to Water Tower.	12" diam.	
Stowlangtoft to Button Haugh Tower.	12" diam.	
Depden to Risby.	12" diam.	
Maypole Green to Gedding.	9" diam.	7.2493
Rede to Newhall Farm.	9" diam.	
Elmswell to Button Haugh.	9" diam.	
Gedding to Rattlesden.	7" diam.	1.6522
Rattlesden to Elmswell.	6" diam.	9.2216
Rushbrooke to Newhall Farm.	6" diam.	
		<u>36.1674</u>

(ii) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE. The advent of the piped water supply will shortly stress the necessity of providing adequate drainage and sewerage schemes. Already the need is obvious in the built-up areas where there is an absence of garden space. The Council are considering schemes for Woolpit, Rattlesden, Walsham-le-Willows and Elmswell and it is hoped that tenders at a sufficiently low figure to allow the Ministry to give approval may be obtained.

Increased use was made during 1951 of the cesspool emptying machines of neighbouring authorities. The Council placed an order for a 750 gallon Yorkshire Karrier.

2. RIVERS AND STREAMS. As in previous years the Council employed a man continuously cleaning out the streams and ditches in order to ensure that as little nuisance as possible arose in the water-courses in the District.

3. (i) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION. Most working class houses in the District have pail closets, the emptying of which is the responsibility of the tenant. The number of vault closets in the District is exceedingly small.

(ii) PUBLIC CLEANSING. The four-weekly refuse collection service was maintained throughout the whole of the District by the Council's own refuse vehicle and their employees. Control tipping is carried out at the tips at Elmswell, Thurston and Wattisfield.

The Rodent Operator makes regular visits and gives special care to the condition of these tips.

334 loads of house refuse were removed during the year.

This service has been greatly facilitated by the Council's policy of providing a standard dustbin at an annual rental of 5/- where tenants so require. There are now very few houses which have not been provided with a standard dustbin.

As from May 1951 a salvage scheme for paper was operated by Mr. Wyatt, and until the end of the year it produced 11 tons, 14 cwts., 3 Qrs. of paper, which produced £128. 1. 0. - which it will be noted is rather more than a penny rate saved.





PAPER COLLECTED DURING 1951.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Tons.</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>	<u>Per Cwt. Rate.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
12th May.	1	18	-	8/-	15.	4.	0.
4th June.	1	3	2	8/-	9.	8.	0.
7th July.	1	11	-	12/-	18.	12.	0.
11th July.		13	-	12/-	7.	16.	0.
28th July.		19	3	12/-	11.	17.	0.
8th August.	1	6	1	12/-	15.	9.	0.
6th October.		19	-	12/-	11.	8.	0.
3rd November.	1	5	-	12/-	15.	6.	0.
15th December.	1	19	1	12/-	23.	11.	0.
Total:	11	14	3	10/11	£128.	1.	0.

(iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA. The following table records the number of inspections carried out by Mr. Wyatt and Mr. Flack. Much of the detail of this report has necessarily been compiled by Mr. Wyatt, to whom I acknowledge my indebtedness and thank him for his co-operation and assistance throughout yet another year.

Number of houses inspected	..	..	..	..	..	..	402
Total number of visits made	..	..	..	..	..	..	695
Number of overcrowded dwellings discovered				..	..	..	3
Houses Recorded (Consolidated Regulations, 1925)				..	..		112
Informal housing notices served		..	..	..	..	..	192
Number of houses rendered fit following notice	..			..	..	..	63
Number of properties demolished		..	..	..	..	..	1
Private Water Samples taken - Satisfactory	..			..	..	..	9
Doubtful	..			..	..	..	1
Unsatisfactory	..			..	..	..	16
Public Water Samples taken		..	..	..	..	..	10
Waterworks visits made	..	..	..	..	..	..	189
New connections made to mains		..	..	..	..	..	93
Visits to ditched and watercourses (nuisances etc.)	..			..	..		79
Factories inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	477
Bakehouse inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	39
Inspections to food premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	27
Inspections to Butchers Premises		..	..	..	..	..	67
Inspections to Schools	..	..	..	..	..	..	27
Inspections to Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	73
Rodent Control Visits by Sanitary Inspectors	..			..	..	..	32
Inspections of camping sites, caravans, etc.	..			..	..	..	87
Visits to tips, etc. for other than rodent control	..			..	..		58
Inspections under Petroleum Acts		..	..	..	..	..	51





Factory Act, 1937. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises.	Number on Register.	Number of		
		Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	4	25	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	22	452	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority * (excluding out-workers' premises.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total:	26	477	Nil	Nil

\* i.e. Electrical Stations (Section 103 (1) ), Institutions. (Section 104) and sites of Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction (Sections 107 and 108).

No defects were found.

(iv) SHOPS AND OFFICES. 73 inspections relating to the provision of the Shop Act, 1934, were made. From these inspections, which pay regard to ventilation and sanitary accommodation, no action was required in any case.

(v) CAMPING SITES. There are 9 licensed sites within the District on which there are 15 caravans, housing approximately 40 persons. 87 visits were paid at frequent intervals to these sites during the year and they were found to be maintained in good condition.

(vi) SMOKE ABATEMENT. No smoke nuisance was either observed or reported.

(vii) SWIMMING BATHS. There are no swimming baths in the District. The swimming baths at Bury St. Edmunds and Stowmarket are available at reasonable distance to many of our inhabitants.

(viii) ERADICATION OF BED BUGS. No cases of bed bug infestation was either reported or discovered during 1951.

It is worthy of note that all my records, which extend from 1938, have shown the same satisfactory absence from the District of bed bugs.

(ix) RODENT CONTROL. The services of Mr. T. Farrow, the Rodent Operator, were retained for all premises throughout the District. Free treatment was given to houses but a charge of 5/- per hour made for business premises.

Number of Premises Visited	..	..	3,066
Number of Premises Infested	..	..	59
Number of Premises Baited	..	..	59
Number of Rats' bodies picked up	..	..	595
Estimated number of Rats Destroyed			2,380

4. SCHOOLS. 27 visits were made to inspect washing and sanitary facilities at schools. Much improvement in these facilities will be possible when the Comprehensive Water Scheme and Sewage Disposal Schemes begin.

5. THE RAG FLOCK & OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951. There are no premises in the District which require registration or licensing under the above Act.





SECTION D.  
HOUSING.

1. (1) (a)	Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	402
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	695
(2) (a)	Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925.	112
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	157
(3)	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	Nil
(4)	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	35
2.	<u>Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice.</u>	
	Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers.	63
3.	<u>Action under Statutory Powers during the year.</u>	
(a)	<u>Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.</u>	
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice:-	
	(a) By Owners	Nil
	(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil
(b)	<u>Proceedings under Public Health Acts.</u>	
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	Nil
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-	
	(a) By Owners	Nil
	(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil
(c)	<u>Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.</u>	
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which	
	(a) Demolition Orders were made	Nil
	(b) Undertakings accepted not to relet for human habitation.	1
	(c) Undertaking cancelled upon completion of work.	1
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.	1
(d)	<u>Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.</u>	
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were made.	Nil
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders.	Nil





#### 4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding.

- (a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year 3
- (ii) Number of families dwelling therein 3
- (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein 27
- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year 3
- (c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year 2
- (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases 8
- (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again Nil  
become overcrowded after the Local Authority having taken  
steps for the abatement of overcrowding.

#### Classified List of Housing Defects and Nuisances Abated during the Year.

New drains tested and passed	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Roofs repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
Chimneys repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Plaster repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Dampness	..	..	..	..	..	..	36
Windows repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
Fireplaces repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Floors repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Closets repaired or Renewed	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Other closet defects remedied	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Wash Coppers	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Stairs	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Gutters	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Doors	..	..	..	..	..	..	10

The above does not include repairs carried out to the Council Houses and houses requisitioned under the Government Evacuation Scheme.

#### Civil Building Licences Issued.

Privately owned working class houses (repairs)	..	..	..	20
Private Residences	..	..	..	25
Reconditioning of Category Five Cottages	..	..	..	13
New Houses	..	..	..	5

Houses completed in Thedwastre during 1951 were 3 by private enterprise and 18 by the Council (12 at Woolpit, 6 at Thurston). 26 Council houses and 5 private enterprise houses were in course of erection at the end of the year. This increased the number of Council houses in the District to 541, 331 being Pre-war, 4 War-time Emergency Programme and 206 Post-war.

The allocation to the parishes is indicated in the following table:-

<u>Parish.</u>	<u>HOUSES Total in Parish.</u>	<u>C O U N C I L   H O U S E S</u>				<u>% of Council Houses.</u>
		<u>Total.</u>	<u>Pre-war.</u>	<u>War-time Emergency Programme.</u>	<u>Post- War.</u>	
Ashfield, Gt.	105	26	16	2	8	25%
Badwell Ash.	116	23	19	-	4	20%
Beyton.	127	36	20	-	16	28%
Drinkstone.	130	20	10	2	8	15%
Elmswell.	313	75	55	-	20	24%
Felsham.	102	22	10	-	12	22%
Gedding.	47	16	10	-	6	34%
Hessett.	90	24	12	-	12	27%
Hinderclay.	63	11	7	-	4	-
Hunston.	30	-	-	-	-	-
Langham.	39	-	-	-	-	-
Norton.	227	55	33	-	22	24%
Rattlesden.	245	28	18	-	10	11%
Rickingham Inferior	96	14	2	-	12	15%
Stowlangtoft.	52	6	6	-	-	12%
Thurston.	234	35	17	-	18	15%
Tostock.	98	20	14	-	6	20%
Walsham-le-Willows.	277	52	38	-	14	19%
Wattisfield.	129	28	18	-	10	22%
Woolpit.	269	50	26	-	24	19%
	2,789	541	331	4	206	19%





SECTION E.  
INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

- (a) MILK SUPPLY. The Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949, have restricted the surveillance of the milk supply by our Authority to milk in distribution from dairies other than producer retail dairies.
- (b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS. The St. Edmundsbury Co-operative Bacon Factory at Elmswell is the only slaughterhouse regularly in use within the District. During the year 452 visits were made and the 95,390 pigs slaughtered were all inspected. The meat condemned and cause of condemnation is indicated as follows:-

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

Number of pigs killed .. .. .	95,390
Number of pigs inspected .. .. .	95,390

(Including 632 sows, 243 boars and 162 dressed carcasses)

All diseases except Tuberculosis.

Whole carcasses condemned .. .. .	156
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	3,122
Percentage affected with disease other than Tuberculosis .. .. .	3.4%

Tuberculosis Only.

Whole carcasses condemned .. .. .	115
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2,090
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis .. .. .	2.4%

Bacon Factory Condemnations.

	<u>Number.</u>	<u>Weight.</u>
Heads .. .. .	3,501	45,580
Plucks .. .. .	2,090	17,301
Kidneys .. .. .	3,122	780
Intestines .. .. .	2,181	

Causes of Condemnation.

Septicaemia	6	Pneumonic	5	Arthritis	2
Moribund	27	Pyaemia	4	Immaturity	3
Fever	40	Pleurotic	4	Swine Fever	9
Dropsy	7	Peritonitis		Malignant Oedema	2
Putrefaction	2	& Pleurisy	12	Erysipelas	2
Jaundiced	31				

FOODSTUFFS CONDEMNED AS BEING UNSOUND OR UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

Gammon	1 tin	Cherries	4 tins
Tinned Hams	3 tins	Danish Pork Brawn	8 tins
Peas	1 tin	Hindquarter beef	97 lbs
Danish Pork	1 tin	Nestles Cream Milk	1 tin
Processed Cheese	4 boxes	Prunes	3 tins
Quartered Apples	4 tins	Pork Carcase less head	54 lbs
Seived Apples	3 "	Luncheon meat	25 tins
Pears	4 "	Evaporated Milk	13 tins
Pineapples	4 "	Grade I Salmon	4 tins
Peaches	23 boxes	Beans in tomato	10 tins
Pears	26 "	Blackcurrants	5 tins
Margarine	84 lbs.	Apricot conserve	1 tin
Strawberry Jam	5½ lbs.	Pickled Red Cabbage	1 jar
Cherries	37 boxes	Pilchards in tomato soup	1 tin
Bacon	10¾ lbs.	Strained prunes Baby food	3 tins

ICE-CREAM. With the exception of one manufacturer all the ice-cream dealers in the District receive their ice-cream from large manufacturers as wrapped blocks, wrapped bricks or in covered cartons. They keep the ice-cream in closed cabinet refrigerators, and sell the ice-cream in the wrappings or packings in which it is received.





FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938, Section 15 - Bye-laws. The Council made bye-laws under the above Act for securing the observance of sanitary and cleanly conditions and practices in connection with the handling, wrapping and delivery of food, and the sale of food in the open air. A copy of the bye-laws was sent to all food traders in the District. Inspections regarding observance of the bye-laws are made during routine visits to food premises. In general the bye-laws are observed and no legal action has so far been necessary.

CIRCULAR MF 20/51. DOGS IN FOOD SHOPS, RESTAURANTS, ETC. Following the recommendation of the Minister of Food a notice was issued to all food traders in the District requesting the public not to take dogs into premises in which food is sold. The traders were asked to display the notice in a prominent position.

(d) <u>ADULTERATION, ETC.</u>	}	No change.
(e) <u>CHEMICAL BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION.</u>		

(f) NUTRITION. Now that the acute shortages of various foodstuffs, which obtained during the war years, have been relieved, it is particularly pleasant to record that Mr. Val S. King of Yearling, West Australia, still typifies that spirit of sympathy which the Colonies showed to us during our darker days, by continuing to forward food parcels, at Christmas time, to the elderly inhabitants of the three parishes of Felsham, Gedding and Drinkstone, where the Ministry of Food Nutritional Survey was conducted.

(g) <u>SHELL-FISH (Molluscan)</u>	}	No change.
(h) <u>WATER-CRESS.</u>		

SECTION F.  
PREVALENCE OF & CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The number of cases of Infectious Disease (other than Tuberculosis) notified during 1951 was only 10, as follows:-

- 1 Scarlet Fever, Male 18 yrs.
- 5 Measles, Males, 1 & 42, Female 6, 7 & 10 yrs.
- 1 Infantile Paralysis (Paralytic), Male 17 yrs.
- 3 Pneumonia, Males 67, 77 and 84 yrs.

T U B E R C U L O S I S.  
New Cases and Mortality during 1951.

Cases remaining on the Register at 31st December:-

	<u>1950.</u>	<u>1951.</u>
	33 Pulmonary (13 Males, 20 Females)	33 (14 Males, 19 Females)
	14 Non " (7 Males, 7 Females)	14 (6 Males, 8 Females)
Total:	<u>47</u>	<u>47</u>

New cases of Tuberculosis in 1951 were:-

- 4 Pulmonary (Males 5, 26. Females 20, 22 yrs.)
- 1 Non-Pulmonary (Female 32 yrs).

Four deaths attributable to Pulmonary Tuberculosis were recorded among residents of the District during 1951, they being 3 Males, 30, 35 & 45 yrs. and 1 Female, 73 yrs.



